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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY'S LUSAKA SPEECH

SUMMARY: NOTICIAS APRIL 28 GAVE EXTENSIVE FAVORABLE FRONT AND BACK PAGE COVERAGE TO SECRETARY'S LUSAKA SPEECH. PRESS PLAYED-UP SECRETARY'S PROGRAM FOR RHODESIA, MENTIONED OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE BUT DID NOT CITE FIGURE. EMBASSY DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF SPEECH TO GPRM OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS SHORTLY AFTER SPEECH DELIVERED IN LUSAKA. DIPLOMATIC CORPS REACTION WAS VERY FAVORABLE END SUMMARY

1 UNDER FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "KISSINGER IN AFRICA: OPPOSITION TO SMITH REGIME IN SPEECH MADE IN LUSAKA, " LOCAL PRESS GAVE SECRETARY'S LUSAKA SPEECH WIDE COVERAGE, QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM SPEECH, HIGHLIGHTED THOSE SECTIONS DEALING WITH RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA AND NOTED U.S. WILLING TO PROVIDE OFFSET ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE BUT WITHOUT GIVING ACTUAL AMOUNT. BOTH FRONT AND BACK PAGE STORIES CARRIED SECRETARY'S LONG QUOTE WARNING THAT "THE SALISBURG REGIME HAS TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT CANNOT EXPECT THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES, EITHER DIPLOMATICALLY OR MATERIALLY AT ANY STAGE IN ITS CONFLICT WITH AFRICAN STATES UNCLASSIFIED

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OR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS." PAPER THEN EDITORIALIZED

THAT "KISSINGER'S SPEECH APPEARS TO CONSTITUTE A DECLARATION OF WAR BY THE U.S. AGAINST RHODESIA IN THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND DIPLOMATIC ARENAS," AND THAT IT CONTAINED STRONGEST LANGUAGE U.S. HAS EVER EMPLOYED IN COMMUNICATING ITS POSITION TO THE SMITH GOVERNMENT.

2 . PRESS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED SECTION INDICATING THAT PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY WILL MAKE RENEWED EFFORT TO WORK FOR REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT, AS WELL AS ASPECTS OF SPEECH WARNING SOUTH AFRICA THAT TIME FOR BRINGING ABOUT PEACEFUL CHANGE AND ENDING APARTHIED MAY BE COMING TO END.

3. NOTICIASN DID NOT PUBLISH \$12.5 MILLION AID OFFER TO MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH IT MENTIONED SECRETARY'S OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE TO ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES THROUGH UNHCR AND TO GOVERNMENTS OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY DISTRIBUTED SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND TO ENTIRE DIPLOMATIC CORPS DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF APRIL 27. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY GOVERNMENT REACTION TO SPEECH. REACTION FROM DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS VERY FAVORABLE. UN OFFICIALS WERE DELIGHTED TO SEE SECRETARY'S OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEES.

5. UNTIL TODAY, NOTICIAS, WHICH IS PRIVATELY-OWNED GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING PAPER, HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF SECRETARY'S TRIP AND HAS PUBLISHED NUMBER OF ARICLES DESIGNED TO DETRACT FROM TRIPW TODLNY'S COVERAGE OF SPEECH IS STRAIGH FORWARD, ACCURATE AND POSITIVE IN TONE, WITH VERY LITTLE EDITORIALIZING. TOMORROW'S EDITORIALS MAY REFLECT GOVERNMENT THINKING.
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